

Appl. No. 10/087,004
Amdt. dated October 20, 2005
Reply to Office Action of 09/14/2005

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Of pending claims 25, 27, 29-32, 38-41, 44, 65-85, claims 25, 27, 29-32, 38-40, 65-85 were allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for such allowance. Claims 41-44 were rejected.

Claims 41 and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nobles 5,820,631.

Claims 41 and 44 have been canceled without prejudice for filing in a later application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,


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